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Federal grant for city retrofits saves energy, money

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – In what the mayor is calling “a magnificent bargain for the city,” a federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program has given new life to aging city heating and cooling systems while saving thousands of dollars in utility bills.

According to city officials, about 122,000 kilowatts of energy will be saved and approximately 76,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions have been eliminated as the result of the \$300,000 grant.

Among the retrofit projects:

- The 18-year-old city hall boiler has been replaced with two models with better fuel-efficiency;
- Air conditioners throughout the city, including two fire stations and the two community centers, have been replaced with models that save energy and cuts ozone pollution;
- City hall water pumps will be replaced, which will enable the building to match actual water output with demand, saving water and energy; and
- Digital control systems installed throughout the city will automatically control the heating and cooling of various city facilities to ensure optimal savings and reduction in pollution.

“This grant is a success story,” said Mayor Ronald Loveridge. “It’s not only a magnificent bargain for the city; it advances our environmental efforts to make Riverside a truly green city. Our city facilities must be an example for the rest of the city to follow.”

The Department of Energy EECBG Program, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) of 2009, represents a priority to develop, promote, implement, and manage energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs designed to:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions;
- Reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities;
- Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors; and
- Create and retain jobs.

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